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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Thursday, March 2, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chairman Miller.

Members present: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Guerra, Zemke, Moss.
Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Guerra moved to adopt the minutes of February 16, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Miller laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4177 (Vaupel) Elections; ballots; requirement of political party vignettes being printed on election ballots; remove.

HB 4178 (Canfield) Elections; ballots; reference to party vignette in the Michigan campaign finance act; remove.

Representative Vaupel and Representative Canfield testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a card in support of the bills and came forward to answer questions.

Bill Zaagman from GSCL representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Miller laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4208 (Miller) Legislature; legislators; term of removal or resignation from the office of state senator or representative; provide for.

Representative Zemke offered the following amendment to HB 4208:

1. Amend page 2, following line 3, by inserting:

"SEC. 634B. IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS REMOVED FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 177 AND THE GOVERNOR DIRECTS THAT THE VACANCY BE FILLED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THAT SENATORIAL OR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE EACH COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP FOR THE COST OF CONDUCTING THE SPECIAL ELECTION."

Representative Zemke moved to adopt the amendment to the bill. The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-6-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Nays: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly.

Pass: None.

Representative Guerra offered the following amendment to HB 4208:

1. Amend page 1, line 9, by striking out all of section 177.

Representative Guerra moved to adopt the amendment to the bill. The motion did not prevail, the vote being 3-6-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Guerra, Zemke, Moss.

Nays: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly.

Pass: None.

Representative Webber moved to report out HB 4208 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-2-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Calley, Kesto, Garcia, Webber, Lilly, Moss.

Nays: Reps. Guerra, Zemke.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:00 a.m.

Representative Aaron Miller, Chair_____

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